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The replies filed on 9-5-03 and 11-17-03 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action of 6-18-03 because: the amendments are still not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. A complete listing of all the claims and their appropriate status is required. As was discussed with Applicants representative, the amendment filed 9-5-03 was not in compliance with the new rules because it did not provide an accurate listing of all the claims. As indicated by the examiner, claims 1-10 were previously canceled in the amendment filed 3-13-02. The reply filed 11-17-03 does not correct this problem. Claim 10 is not withdrawn but canceled. Correction is required. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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